

AS A BASKETBALL PLAYER BABE RUTH HAS PROVED HIMSELF A CORKING GOOD BENCH WARMER

BILL TILDEN PUT U. S. AND PHILA. ON MAP

His 1920 Achievements on Lawn Tennis Court Unsurpassed in Annals of Game

By SPICK HALL.

EMPHASIZED on the lawn tennis records of 1920 are the names of William T. Tilden, 24, Germantown Cricket Club, and William M. Johnston, San Francisco. Both of these marvelous players have gained fame during the past year that has made their names by words throughout the civilized world. Of the two, Tilden has accomplished more.

Within the past seven months, the name Philadelphia has won more and higher laurels than any other man that has won the championship of America. Great Britain and the world: he won all of his matches in both singles and doubles in the Davis Cup, then finished the year in a blaze of glory at Auckland, New Zealand, where he and Johnston defeated Tilden at the Queen's Club for the championship of London in June, but to offset that Tilden captured the American title from Johnston at Forest Hills and defeated him again in the Davis Cup last fall, the only three times they met in 1920 in sanctioned tournaments.

Helped Philadelphia

Tilden's great work on the courts during the last year has done far more than merely give him a great reputation. His victories have placed the United States in the front rank and in this country have put Philadelphia at the top of the lawn tennis world. He has made Philadelphia the greatest lawn tennis center of the world, a position that it is likely to enjoy for a long while to come.

By America's winning the Davis Cup the program for big tournaments in 1921 will be vastly different from what it would have been had the trophy remained in Australasia. As it is America will see this season the greatest lawn tennis talent that has ever been gathered together, and the cities that will profit most are Philadelphia and New York.

It is now virtually certain that the United States Tennis Club will relinquish all claim of the Germantown Cricket Club. This means in turn that West-Philadelphia probably will get the Davis Cup events and the national doubles, and that the women's nationals, which have been held at the Philadelphia Cricket Club for years, will be awarded the Longwood Cricket Club, Chestnut Hill, Boston.

Cup Ties Here

Inasmuch as the challenge round for the Davis cup will be played in this country, it is highly probable that most of the nations that enter will come to this side of the Atlantic to play off the preliminary and final ties. This being the case, America will have matches played by the foremost lawn tennis experts of the leading nations, Japan and India probably will have teams for the first time. Other countries which are almost sure to have entries are Great Britain, Canada, Australia, France, Belgium, South Africa, Holland and Czechoslovakia. Germany and Austria might be able to get good teams in the field, but the central powers are barred.

All of these nations that come here to play for the Davis Cup are certain to enter the American nationals. Philadelphia probably will see all of these foreign players, beside the host of specially performed and our own country. 1921 therefore looks to be by far the biggest year that lawn tennis has ever had in this or any other country. All roads here in Philadelphia clubs and individuals are preparing for the approaching season. Grounds keepers are

Davis Cup Matches Will Help U. S. L. T. A.

The high cost of traveling has hit the United States Lawn Tennis Association a severe blow in the efforts during the last year. Besides numerous other expenditures, the association had to send the Davis Cup team to Europe last summer and to Australia this winter. The receipts at those matches were small compared with what we have here. Hence the association didn't reap much of the money which the Davis Cup matches here in 1921 and foreign exhibitions during the summer. The association is likely to stage a fine financial comeback.

preparing to get turf in condition and players are keeping in shape for the opening tournaments. Orders for restringing rackets and for new ones are pouring into the dealers every day. Every tennis player is anticipating a big season and they are all preparing early to avoid the well-known rash.

Others Have Done Well

Tilden is not the only Philadelphia who has done well this year. Among those who have helped Philadelphia at its proper high place on the lawn tennis map are Wallace F. Johnston, Stanley W. Pearson, Craig Riddle, William J. Clothier, Carl Fischer, Dr. P. R. Hart, Paul W. Gibbons, Samuel M. Peacock, Joseph M. Jennings, C. N. Beard, A. L. Hoskins, William H. Connell, Robert Sensenbier, William E. Kewenig, Howard W. Lewis, Samuel H. Colman. Of these, Johnston, Pearson, Riddle, Clothier, Fischer and Hart stood out as players. The others helped by running tournaments and engaging generally in lawn tennis activities which are essential in the placing of any city in the leading municipal ranks.

Wallace Johnston had a fine year. Although he was ranked only No. 10, he should have been higher. His play throughout the season was of a brand of sustained excellence. He won many tournaments both in singles and doubles and was one of America's leading figures on the turf courts.

Johnston was considered for the Davis cup team, but because of prejudice against his chop game, he was not taken.

Amateur Sports

The Flet Club has organized for the season with two teams, first and second. The club is unable to complete the court which is only half completed and will be compelled to play all games away from home.

The first five lines-up with White, of Rockwood, and Comfort, formerly of Trenton High, at forwards; Sommers, of New York Ship, at the top-off position; Carter and Dougherty, of La Salle, at guards.

The second quintet is made up of Bryan and Riordan as forwards; Kane at center; Gleason and Ferguson, guards.

All first and second class fives, having halls and offering reasonable guarantees for this attraction, should communicate with Frank Riordan, 3148 Custer street.

St. John A. A. (two teams) would like to hear from clubs having first and second class fives. Write to St. John A. A., 2002 East 1st street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Harvard Trackmen Begin Drill

Harvard varsity and freshman track teams, the number of both having reported to Coach Davis, began their training here in Philadelphia on the 1st of January. The Harvard team is expected to play the Boston Athletic Association meet.

LA SALLE PREPS TO PLAY CHESTER

Coach James Has Fast Quintet. Germantown Friends' Plays Rador

La Salle Preparatory School students await the game with Chester High School tomorrow at Chester with unusual interest. It will virtually open the basketball season for the North Broad street lads, as the contest prior to the holiday with Gloucester High was in the nature of a practice affair.

Brother James, coach of the team, will have Vincent White and Bowen as forwards; Brice, center; Joe White and Barrett, guards. The team will leave here shortly after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and a large crowd of fans will accompany the athletes to Chester.

In addition to the La Salle-Chester high game tomorrow, Catholic High and St. Joe teams play at St. Joe, the West Philadelphia High and Faneuil club, Friends' Central and Girard College reserves play at Friends' Central.

Southern High's Regulars

Coach Kerr has chosen his South Philadelphia team for the January games. Captain Weinstein and Silver will play guards, Baron will play center and Barris and Dessen are the regular forwards. Barris, however, graduates in February, and he will therefore alternate with Goldblatt, who is the first "sub" for this place. Goldblatt is coming along nicely and is sure to enter into the games, as he will have the entire burden of playing just as soon as Barris starts.

Southern High did not waste time during the holidays. The boys practiced at the gymnasium at Seventh and Spruce streets. Manager Jacob Stein checked up on the candidates who reported and those youngsters have first chances for positions on the regular and reserve squads.

Germantown Friends' Opener

Germantown Friends' will open the season with Rador High on Friday in the local gymnasium. Coach Smith has his lucky soccer stars on edge for a strenuous basketball season. Captain Jim Downs and Atherton will play forwards; Hulme is at center and Patton and Baily play guard positions.

Haverford School is losing no time in preparing for the Tonne School games at Port Deposit on Saturday. Although the students do not return from the holidays until tomorrow, the basketball squad has been at work.

Although the 1921 term has only started, the schoolboys are preparing for the many important games on Friday and Saturday. The High School League and Catholic League games held major interest in local ranks.

Capablanca and Lasker to Play for Chess Title

A match for the chess championship of the world and a purse of \$20,000 will begin at Havana on March 10 between J. R. Capablanca, of Cuba, and Dr. Emanuel Lasker, of Berlin, according to an announcement made yesterday.

The two greatest exponents of the game have agreed to all the arrangements made for the contest, which will consist of eight to twenty-four games.

First Squadron Puts UP STRONG DEFENSE

Defeats Ardmore Veterans at Ardmore Last Night, 7 to 0. Heine Miller's First Squadron football team put up a great defense last night in their game against the Ardmore Veterans and they had to leave here shortly after 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and a large crowd of fans will accompany the athletes to Chester.

The final count was 7 to 0, with the horsemen on the long end of the score. John Maguire made the only touchdown in the first half on a line plunge after the ball had been carried down the field on a series of end runs and tackle plays.

The game was played indoors on the field of the first Cavalry Armory, at Thirty-second street and Lancaster avenue.

Germantown League Has Vacancy

On account of the withdrawal of the Westside Presbyterian church from the Germantown Church Athletic League, a vacancy exists and a team is desired to complete the circuit. The team entering the league would take the place of the team which has been withdrawn. The league will have three games behind the leaders with sixteen more games to play. A church team in the northwestern section of the city would be welcome and should address the president of the league, Mr. J. H. Smith, at telephone Germantown 1074.

Giants Sign Burkett as Coach

New York, Jan. 4.—Jesse Burkett, coach of the Holy Cross basketball team, has been signed as coach for the New York Giants. With Huggie Jennings, former Detroit manager, he will aid Manager McGraw in handling recruits. Burkett was once a member of the giants, joining the team in 1906, as a pitcher, and also was manager of the Worcester club, of the old New England League.

To Number Hockey Players

Boston, Jan. 4.—Hockey players will be numbered at all games held in the new place. Because of lack of funds the club is unable to complete the court which is only half completed and will be compelled to play all games away from home.

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DECIDE WORST CLUB IN EASTERN LEAGUE

Loss of Tonight's Coatesville-Germantown Game Will Be Awarded Honors for First Half

THIS is really a crucial week in cage circles. The great battle to determine the best team in the Eastern Basketball League will start tomorrow evening in Camden, but twenty-four hours previous, meaning tonight, an equally important problem will be solved. The momentous question of which is the worst team is to be answered tonight at Auditorium Hall, Chestnut and Chelton avenue, when Germantown and Coatesville oppose each other.

Coatesville is determined that it shall not adorn the lower cellar berth. The club last evening pulled a surprise by trimming the fast-going Phils 25-24 and victory will assure them fifth place, while the Germ must then be content to head the list from the wrong direction. Manager Behney will have his strongest club in action and the forwards will be the Germantown star front-liners of last season, "Liz" Powell and Garry Schmeck. The latter joined Coatesville in time for last night's game. In the only two games the clubs have played, Coatesville won both.

The local aggregation has lost a number of games through the absence of Captain Nat Holman. With him in action, the Germ work like a different combination. Young Glasgow, whose work created a sensation against the Phils on Saturday evening, will be found at a forward position. The contest will be hard fought and one of the best of the season, as the visitors now have one of the fastest combinations in the Eastern League.

Coatesville Wins One

With Garry Schmeck, who played with Germantown in the line-up, Coatesville came back after a succession of defeats and last night managed to win a close decision from the Phils by a single point 25-24. The game was fraught with considerable excitement and the finish was marked by the wildest scenes.

For fully two minutes the home players gave a wonderful demonstration of "freezing" the ball after they had snatched the lead away from the Phils and turned what appeared an inevitable defeat into a notable triumph. James Brown was the star of Coatesville and scored two field goals on Ray Cross and Billy Miller, former teammates. Andy McMahon played another bang-up game and blanked Powell.

Play was close throughout, not more than three points separating the teams at any time. The totals at the end of the first half were in favor of the Phils.

Basketball Statistics

EASTERN LEAGUE

W. L. P. C.	W. L. P. C.
Trenton 11 4 278 Phils 6 18 233	
Reading 11 4 278 Germ 4 18 233	
Camden 13 5 272 Coatesville 4 15 211	

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Tonight—Coatesville at Germantown. Friday—Camden at Trenton. Saturday—Reading at Philadelphia. Germantown at Reading.

INTERCOLLEGIATE LEAGUE

W. L. P. C.	W. L. P. C.
Coatesville 1 0 1000 Darlington 0 0 000	
Pen 0 0 000 Columbia 0 0 000	
Yale 0 0 000 Princeton 0 0 000	

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Saturday—Yale at Darlington.

PHILA. MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

W. L. P. C.	W. L. P. C.
Baldwin 4 1 353 Laus 4 2 321	
Field 3 2 327 B. of G. F. 2 3 296	
Flaherty 3 2 314 B. of Fed. 1 1 112	
Flaherty 3 2 314 Gen. Elec. 0 2 000	

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Tonight—Baldwin vs. Dobson, Lanston vs. Baldwin.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

W. L. P. C.	W. L. P. C.
S. P. H. A. 1 0 1000 Grand 0 0 000	
Field 1 0 1000 Hancock 0 0 000	
Kaywood 0 0 000 Nativity 0 0 000	
Logan 0 0 000 Post 0 0 000	

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Wednesday—Grand vs. Hancock, Kaywood vs. Logan.

Garry Schmeck made a big hit with the crowd and was high scorer with eight points, one field goal and six out of eight chances from the foul line.

Johnny Hackman, as usual, led the Phils in points with nine, two field goals and five fouls.

Surprises ushered in the second half of the American League series. In the first game S. P. H. A. came through with a one-point victory over Nativity Catholic Club, 18-17. The down-

CHOOSE DELEGATES FOR BOXING BOARD

Seventeen States Appoint Representatives for Big Confab in New York

New York, Jan. 4.—Plans for the formation of a national organization to control professional boxing are rapidly taking shape in this city and the first session of that body here next Monday is expected to develop quick and radical action. The tentative title selected for the association, it was announced last night, is the National Board of Boxing Control.

The three-day session, which begins on January 10, will open with a luncheon the luncheon the representatives will adjourn to the International Sporting Club for executive session. Here the election of a temporary chairman and secretary will be followed by the appointment of committees on constitution and by-laws, and a general discussion of plans to assume control of professional boxing throughout the country.

Delegates from seventeen states have already been appointed and other states have announced that representatives will be named before the conference of that the matter has been referred to the governors-elect. In many cases the delegate is a man of prominence in amateur or professional sport or a commissioner on a state board of boxing control.

Nativity Wants Game

The Nativity basketball team, of the American League, is desirous of making a game out of town for next Saturday night. Nativity now has its practice at the Nativity club, of the Eastern League, and last Saturday the club administered a 41-26 defeat to Morris Guards, of Atlantic City. Call for rules, please 5131 W. or address 1007 West Girard avenue.

Dartmouth Loses Close One

Rochester, Jan. 4.—Rochester defeated Dartmouth here 19-17 in a basketball game that became rough-house in the last ten minutes. Both teams played on even terms in the first half, which ended with the score 10-10.

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		"The Forbidden Thing"